

House Resolution No. 3708

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who diligently garner the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Lucas Johnson of the Stonebridge community of Reeds Spring, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as an eighth-grade student at Reeds Spring Middle School who wrote a winning entry in the “Letters to the Front” writing contest in the 12 to 18 year-old age group; and

Whereas, Lucas Johnson will receive a scholarship from Marsha Roberts of Rector/Roberts Productions, a company that tours military bases all over the world to present the play “Letters from the Front”; and

Whereas, the “Letters to the Front” contest is sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency, General Mills, and Rector/Roberts Productions in cooperation with the Military Officers Association of America; and

Whereas, the letter penned by Lucas Johnson was one of thousands of letters submitted from forty-nine states and one hundred sixty military installations worldwide and was one of three hundred eighteen submitted by Reeds Spring Middle School students in their sixth year of participation in the program; and

Whereas, in addition to the “Letters to the Front” contest, Lucas Johnson is active in Boy Scouts of America, roadside cleanup with Kiwanis Club of Stone County, and wrestling; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Lucas Johnson previously earned Boy Scout achievement awards and was a school wrestling champion; and

Whereas, eighth-grader Lucas Johnson is the beloved son of Earl and Shari Johnson and the loving brother of Julia Johnson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Lucas Johnson as a “Letters to the Front” writing contest international winner and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and scholastic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Lucas Johnson of Reeds Spring, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Dennis Wood

District No. 62

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3708, adopted June 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker